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14. ABSTRACT The HBCU Summer Research Training Program accepted a total of 8 students from Lincoln University for the eight week session during the summer of 2011. One student canceled at the last moment for personal reasons. Four of the students were supported by this grant and three of the students were supported by the second grant awarded in 2011. Each student was assigned to a laboratory of a participating mentor and also paired with a member of the mentor's laboratory. This laboratory member assisted with day to day aspects of the research project. During the summer the students worked diligently on their research project, participated in meetings of the mentor's laboratory, attended workshops and seminars associated with our and other summer programs, and attended a special course in prostate cancer. We integrated the Lincoln students into social programs held throughout the campus for summer interns. At the end of the summer sessions the students presented a poster of the research results from the summer experience. They also presented the results of their research in the fall at Lincoln University. All of the students are continuing their undergraduate education at Lincoln University.					
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Introduction:

The original grant, awarded in 2006, supported five students per summer and a second grant, awarded in 2007, supported three additional students to allow our program to train eight students each year. Although this award was for a renewal of the original grant for five students I am submitting the annual report on the entire summer training program that includes both of the grant awards. For the year reported here we had the following faculty participants: David M. Lubaroff, PhD, Principal Investigator, Paul Heidger, PhD, University of Iowa Faculty Advisor, Derek Swinton, PhD, Lincoln University Faculty Advisor, and the following mentors: Jackie Bickenbach, PhD, Elizabeth Chrischilles, PhD, Frederick Domann, PhD, Michael Henry, PhD; Siegfried Janz, MD, Yi Luo, MD, PhD, Aliasger Salem, PhD, Michael Schultz, PhD, Ann Simons-Burnett, PhD, Douglas Spitz, PhD, George Weiner, MD, Michael Wright, PhD, and Nicholas Zavazava, MD.

Body:**Recruitment and Admission:**

Brochures, application forms, and posters were designed and printed and sent to Dr. Swinton at Lincoln and one of the faculty mentors PI traveled to Lincoln University in the month of January 2010, 2011, and 2012. He and met with Dr. Swinton, Dr. John Chikwem, and the Chairmen of the Departments of Chemistry and Biology. Presentations were made about the summer training program to a large group of students at a special seminar. Nineteen applications were received for the 2010 summer session, 17 for the 2011 summer session, and 19 for the 2012 summer session. The applications were reviewed by the Admissions Committee whose membership consisted of Dr. Lubaroff, Dr. Heidger, Dr. Henry, Dr. Domann, and Dr. Swinton. After making offers to students admission was offered to a total of ten students for the summer of 2010, eight students for the summer of 2011, and eight students for the summer of 2012. In 2011 one of the students retracted their acceptance for personal reasons.

Students That Participated in the 2011 Program

Jhoneil Cooper
Darah Doubt-Swinton
Jodi-Ann Foster
Patrick Ihejirika
Candice Lynch
Ayanna Raeburn
Nathaniel Sangster

Students Accepted for the 2012 Program

Laurie-Ann Davis
Chalwe Diallo
Shauna Ebanks
Ashley Ellis
Partick Ihejirika
Shakeema Jones
Candice Lynch
Rasheid Smith

Advance Preparation and Information Distribution:

Following acceptance of the students into the program we assigned each student a mentor based upon his/her choices listed in their applications. Each mentor then assigned a member of the lab as a "big brother/big sister," a person that partners with the student during the 8 week

summer session. The mentor also prepared a portfolio of articles covering the area of research the student would be working on, including published papers by the mentor. These materials were sent to the students in advance of their arrival at the University of Iowa.

A six week course on Prostate Cancer was organized with six faculty assigned to deliver lectures. The following represents the course schedule with lecturers:

Iowa-Lincoln Summer Research Training Program - 2011
Prostate Cancer Course
Room 3240 MERF

Lecture	Date	Subject	Lecturer
Week 1	Tuesday, June 14	Introduction to cancer	Spitz
Week 2	Tuesday, June 21	Basic aspects of prostate cancer	Dahmouch
Week 3	Tuesday, June 28	Epidemiology of prostate cancer	Singh
Week 4	Tuesday, July 5	Genetics of prostate cancer	Domann
Week 5	Tuesday, July 12	Clinical treatment of prostate cancer	Vaena
Week 6	Thursday, July 19	Immunotherapy of prostate cancer	Lubaroff

Housing and meal plans were arranged in collaboration with the Iowa Biosciences Advantage Program (IBA). Lincoln students were paired with IBA students in the dormitory. Plans were also formulated to integrate workshops, lectures, and social events with other programs dedicated to the training of minority students, such as the Iowa Alliance for Graduate Education and Professiorate (AGEP), CIC Iowa Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP), and Iowa Biosciences Advantage (IBA) Program.

Program web sites:

IBA: <http://www.uiowa.edu/iba>

AGEP: <http://www.agep.iastate.edu>

SROP: <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/students/SROP>

The Summer Program:

A welcoming summer picnic was held on the day of the student's arrival in Iowa City in conjunction with the other summer programs at the University of Iowa. The following day the students met with the PI, administrator, mentors, and big brothers/sisters for an orientation and then taken to the laboratory of their mentors to begin the summer research training program.

During the 8 week session each student worked diligently with his/her mentor and lab partner on the assigned research project. Each student had an independent project. They attended seminars, workshops, lab meetings, journal clubs and the weekly lectures in the program's prostate cancer course (see schedule above). During the seventh week the PI met individually with each student to evaluate his/her summer experience. The unanimous opinion was that the program was a success. The students indicated that they learned much about research, about prostate cancer, and about the advantages of a research career. At the end of the summer session each student presented their research as part of a poster session held during an afternoon of the last week. In addition to the poster

presentations each student gave an oral summary of their research project to the mentors, big brothers/sisters, and other summer students. In addition to the mentoring the students received from their research lab and the PI, they received career counseling. We discussed the options for each of them based upon their experience and their desire for the type of future they envisioned for themselves. Among the topics discussed was graduate school versus medical school, their ultimate goals of research, patient care, and/or teaching.

Follow-Up:

We made frequent contact with all of the students after their departure from the University of Iowa. The mentors, faculty advisors (Heidger and Swinton), and mentors, all had contact with the students since the end of the 2006 summer session. Many of the mentors were asked to write letters of reference for the students' applications to graduate schools. The following table reports on the current status of the 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 summer students.

Lincoln Student Follow-Up

Name	Year	Lab	School	Program or Current Year at Lincoln
Oluwaseun Adekanye	2006	Griffith	Penn State	medical school
Shaynah Browne	2006	Lubaroff	U. Mass	graduate school
Nikeshia Haynes	2006	Henry	U. Rochester	graduate school
Shivaughn Johnson	2006	Field	Ross University Medical School	medical school; left and working
Briquel Sherman	2006	Zavazava	University of West Indies	medical school
Shaan Spence	2006	Domann	U. South Florida	graduate school
Bisola Awoyemi	2007	Henry	Univ. of the District of Columbia	obtained MS degree, currently working in lab at Harvard.
Seme Diallo	2007	Zavazava	Drexel University	Graduate
Caroline Dias	2007	Chrischilles	none at this time	working & applying to grad schools
Titilope Idowu	2007	Domann	Morehouse College	graduate school (public health) - returned to Nigeria, but plans to continue
Patrick Ndungu	2007	Lubaroff	University of Iowa	graduate school
Elizabeth Okyne	2007	Spitz	U. Iowa	will enter MPH program at Iowa
Katrina Proberbs	2007	Lutgendorf	Adelphi University	graduate school
Bukola Fatunmbi	2008	Salem	U. Mass	graduate school
Katherine Foster	2008	Spitz	Fox Chase Cancer Center	working
Theon Francis	2008	Field	none at this time	teaching science
Michelle Gray	2008	Lubaroff	Towson St. - MS in sci educ.	working in a school asso with hopkins
Julia Greenfield	2008	Henry	U. Maryland	graduate school
Gladys Murage	2008	Domann	U. Mass	graduate school
Brittany Stokes	2008	Griffith	none at this time	plans are for Americorp then med school
Stacy-Ann Wright	2008	Bickenbach	Lincoln	senior
Kaylene Baugh	2009	Janz	U. Pennsylvania	research internship
Christina Chisolm	2009	Weiner	U. Mass	graduate school
Seme Diallo	2009	Bickenbach	see 2007	See 2007
Elizabeth Okyne	2009	Spitz	see 2007	See 2007
Stephen Sangster	2009	Domann	none at this time	working; will apply to graduate school for 2012
Keyana Tyree	2009	Salem	U. Mass	graduate school
Neja White	2009	Schultz	none at this time	working at local hospital and apply for medical school for 2012
Akede, Theresa	2010	Luo	Lincoln	senior
Awoyemi, Christiana	2010	Henry	Cameron	junior
Sangster, Stephen	2010	Janz	none at this time	teaching; will apply to graduate school for 2012
Rand, Stephanie	2010	Weiner	Thomas Jefferson	medical school
McKnight, Danielle	2010	Spitz	Lincoln	senior
Markes, Jhanelle	2010	Schultz	Lincoln	Senior
Holsey, Danielle	2010	Salem/Lubaroff	Lincoln	in Indiana; applying for graduate schools
Diallo, Chalwe	2010	Wright	Lincoln	Junior
Brown, Nakita	2010	Spitz	U. Pittsburgh	postbaccalaureate program
Baugh, Kaylene	2010	Lubaroff	see 2009	see 2009
Cooper, Jhoneil	2011	Janz	Lincoln	Junior
Doubt-Swinton, Darah	2011	Lubaroff	Lincoln	sophomore
Foster, Jodi-Ann	2011	Weiner	Lincoln	Junior
Ihejirika, Patrick	2011	Schultz	Lincoln	sophomore
Lynch, Candice	2011	Salem	Lincoln	Junior
Raeburn, Ayanna	2011	Simons-Burnett	Lincoln	sophomore
Sangster, Nathaniel	2011	Domann	Lincoln	sophomore

As is evident from the table, of the 26 students that have graduated from Lincoln, 19 (73.1%) are attending postgraduate programs (post-baccalaureate, graduate or medical). An additional 6 or 23.1% have plans to apply for postgraduate programs. If these 6 students are successful in entering these programs we will have total of 96.2% of the graduated students continuing their education. This is an amazing statistic. Of the students still enrolled at Lincoln all have applied for other summer research programs for the summer of 2012. One of our former students, Ms. Nikesha Haynes, was highlighted at the 2011 IMPaCT conference as evidence of the success of the HBCU Summer Research Training Program in Prostate Cancer. She is a graduate student at the University of Rochester.

Key Research Accomplishments

Each of the students worked on research projects that were part of an overall program within the laboratory of their mentors. As such, it is difficult to identify key research accomplishments for each student research project. Continuation of the research program by each mentor will certainly produce important research findings, aided in part by the summer research of the Lincoln University students. What is key is the mentoring and counseling of the students to aid in their future as scientists in the area of prostate cancer research. The high percentage of the students that are graduate programs or medical schools is an outstanding accomplishment as these future scientists will most certainly provide key research accomplishments in the years to come.

Reportable Outcomes:

Although the students have not produced any publications from there 8 week research program, they have reported their findings to the University of Iowa faculty, to the faculty and students at Lincoln University, at national competitions and conferences.

Conclusion

The first year of this award was highly successful as evidenced by the amount of work accomplished by each student and by their motivation to continue in a science career. The PI applied, and received funding, for a second HBCU training grant that will enable us to accept additional students for the next 3 years, thus increasing the number of African American scientists in the area of prostate cancer.

Appendices: 2012 brochure



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2012
*Prostate Cancer Research
Summer Training Program*

*A Collaboration Between the University of Iowa
and Lincoln University of Pennsylvania*



Students in the 2011 Program

Summary of Program: The partnership of the University of Iowa and Lincoln University is designed to provide an outstanding atmosphere to train undergraduate students from Lincoln in prostate cancer research. We propose to have fifteen mentors available for each of the trainees to choose from for their summer research project. The mentors are from seven departments and three colleges at the University of Iowa and the prostate cancer research in their laboratories covers a wide area of interest. The proposed mentors have extensive training experience at all levels; undergraduate, graduate, medical, and postdoctoral.

In addition to the fifteen faculty mentors both the University of Iowa and Lincoln University have designated Faculty Advisors for the students. Dr. Paul Heidger serves as the advisor at the University of Iowa and Dr. Derrick Swinton serves as the advisor at Lincoln University. Both individuals are available for advice and assistance throughout the summer and the regular academic year. The faculty members are listed below as well as a brief description of research in the laboratories of each University of Iowa mentor.

At this point in time the program is 8 weeks long, beginning on Monday, June 4, 2012 and ending on Friday, July 27, 2012.

Faculty Advisor at Lincoln University: Derrick Swinton, PhD; Associate Professor, Department of Analytical Chemistry (610- 932-8300, ext.3470)
<http://www.lincoln.edu/chemistry/swinton.html>

University of Iowa Faculty and Their Research

Director and Research Mentor: David Lubaroff, PhD; Professor, Department of Urology & Director of the Summer Research Program (319-335-8423)
<http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/med/urology/urologymds/lubaroff.html>

The work in this laboratory concentrates on the area of tumor immunology with an emphasis on immunotherapy. We have constructed microbial vaccines to be used for the investigation of gene and immunotherapy of prostate cancer. Investigations on the ability of immunized animals to produce immune responses to the transgene product induced by the vaccine are underway. Additionally, we are carrying out our "translational" research in the form of clinical trials of our adenovirus vaccine in men with prostate cancer. Important in these trials is the safety of the vaccine and its ability to induce anti-tumor immunity. We have recently completed a Phase I clinical trial of the vaccine that demonstrated its safety. We have initiated a therapeutic Phase II trial. Finally, we have been collaborating on studies of psychosocial effects on immune status in cancer patients.

Faculty Advisor: Paul Heidger, PhD; Professor, Dept. of Anatomy & Cell Biology (319-335-7722)
<http://www.anatomy.uiowa.edu/personnel.shtml?id=heidgerp>

Dr. Heidger will assist in the recruitment and evaluation of summer students and will assist students in career planning.

Research Mentors

Elizabeth Chrischilles, PhD; Professor, Department of Epidemiology (319-384-5009)
<http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/faculty-staff/faculty/directory/faculty-detail.asp?emailAddress=e-chrischilles@uiowa.edu>

Dr. Chrischilles directs the Health Effectiveness Research Center (HERCe) (www.public-health.uiowa.edu/herce/), a collaborative research enterprise between the Department of Epidemiology and the College of Pharmacy at the University of Iowa. HERCe focuses on understanding the reasons for and consequences of treatment variation in clinical practice. It is a center for research, learning, and education that is comprised of epidemiologists, economists, biostatisticians, clinicians, database specialists, geographers, and graduate students from colleges and departments across campus. Areas of expertise include conceptualization and measurement of preventive care and treatments from retrospective data; methodologies for addressing treatment selection bias including instrumental variables and direct statistical and design control for confounding; population-based sampling; analysis of complex sample surveys and longitudinal data; geographical analysis of healthcare access; data linkage and application of encryption methodologies to maintain confidentiality; and synthesis of drug information to evaluate medication safety. Examples of HERCe research include recent publications on breast cancer treatments, complications of chemotherapy for lymphoma patients, invasive treatments for acute myocardial infarction, and an evaluation of the Iowa Medicaid Pharmaceutical Case Management program.

Frederick Domann, PhD; Professor, Dept. of Radiation Oncology. (319-335-8018)
http://www.uiowa.edu/~frrbp/domann_lab.html

The Domann laboratory is predominantly interested in the regulation of gene expression in cancer that does not involve classical changes in the DNA sequence, but rather is mediated through so-called "epigenetic" events. These include DNA methylation, histone modifications that affect DNA accessibility, and chromatin conformational changes that render genes available or unavailable for efficient

transcription. During a typical summer research experience the undergraduate student would learn how to develop and test a scientific hypothesis related to a fundamental question in cancer research using state of the art techniques and approaches. Methods learned would include human cell culture, nucleic acid extraction, conventional PCR, reverse-transcriptase-PCR to measure mRNA, real-time quantitative PCR, DNA sequencing, DNA methylation analysis, western blotting, enzyme assays, and molecular cloning. The student would become proficient at the techniques through daily interactions with laboratory staff. In addition, the student would become familiar with the theory behind each technique and interpretation of their laboratory results through twice weekly meetings with Professor Domann. It is the goal of this research experience to allow the student the opportunity to participate in larger ongoing research projects in the lab in a substantive way so that he or she can contribute to a publication

Michael Henry, PhD; Associate Professor, Department of Physiology & Biophysics (319-335-7886)

<http://www.physiology.uiowa.edu/henry.shtml?menu=1&tab=facultyTab>

Research in the Henry laboratory is geared toward understanding the molecular and cellular biology underlying the spread of cancer cells from the prostate to other vital organs such as bone, liver and lung. They have developed animal models of prostate cancer metastasis that employ bioluminescence imaging to visualize metastatic cancer cells in living animals. A summer research project would be to engineer and characterize a prostate cancer cell line for expression of the firefly luciferase gene so that it might be used in our animal models.

Siegfried Janz, MD; Professor, Department of Pathology (319-384-2869)

<http://www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/pathology/site/faculty/janz/janz.html>

Siegfried Janz' primary research interest concerns mouse models of human B cell and plasma cell neoplasms that are induced by the deregulated expression of the cellular oncogene MYC (c-myc). His laboratory has recently generated gene-insertion mice that mimic three different states of the human genetic alterations. He is now developing genetic methods for the detection of the homologous Myc-activating translocations in mice. As leader of the Cancer Genetics and Computational Biology Program at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, he is also actively engaged in research on human blood cancers.

Yi Luo, MD, PhD; Associate Professor, Department of Urology (319-335-9835)

<http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/med/urology/urologymds/luo.html>

A major research project in our laboratory is to develop a novel therapeutic strategy to cope with the limitations of the current modalities for prostate cancer treatment. We will use prostate-specific antigen (PSA), a protein known to be aberrantly expressed in prostate cancer, as a target for immunotherapy of prostate cancer. In fact, PSA has been demonstrated to be a useful immunotherapeutic target in clinical trials as well as in animal models. In addition, PSA has also been demonstrated to be antigenic and capable of inducing specific immune responses in both humans and mice. However, up to date, all currently available PSA-targeted immunotherapies have only demonstrated limited antitumor effects. To improve this immunotherapeutic approach, we will use both bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG, a bacterial vaccine strain) and adenovirus (Ad, a replication-defective strain) to deliver PSA for animal immunization. Both BCG and Ad microbes have been demonstrated to be safe and effective for antigen delivery in humans and mice. Since the two microbes are known to be different in their infectious modes and host anti-infection responses, rationally combined use of BCG and Ad recombinants for vaccination will provide a synergistic/complementary immune induction and thus likely result in enhanced antitumor immunity. Indeed, we have previously observed a robust induction of PSA-specific T cell responses by vaccination with combined BCG-PSA (primer vaccine) and Ad-PSA (booster vaccine) in mice. In this study, we will further evaluate the effects of this vaccination method on preventing or treating experimental prostate tumors. The objective of this study is to provide a proof of principle that enhanced antitumor immunity can be achieved by combined vaccination with BCG and Ad recombinants.

Lyse Norian, PhD; Assistant Professor, Department of Urology (319-335-3013)

Dr. Norian's research is focused on developing novel, highly efficacious combinatorial anti-tumor immunotherapies by utilizing pre-clinical models that accurately reflect the diverse physiologies of cancer patients. To accomplish this, it will be imperative to explore and understand interactions between the immune system and other organ systems, particularly as they relate to anti-tumor immunity. Therefore, her investigations focus not only on the inter-relationships between positive and negative immune cell populations, but also on how the microenvironment of different organ sites impacts anti-tumor immunity. Dr. Norian has developed a robust pre-clinical murine model of metastatic renal cell carcinoma, as well as a

model of metastatic prostate cancer, and now plans to use these models to investigate mechanisms of site-specific tumor-induced dysfunction in dendritic cells and T cells. She has previously worked with a Lincoln student in collaboration with Drs. Lubaroff and Salem during the summer of 2010.

Aliasger K. Salem, PhD; Associate Professor, Division of Pharmaceutics, College of Pharmacy (319-335-8810)

<http://www.pharmacy.uiowa.edu/pharmaceutics/people/Salem.htm>

Dr. Salem's research interests are primarily focused on self-assembling systems, the rational design of novel drug and gene delivery systems and on the development of sophisticated scaffolds for tissue-specific regeneration. In tissue engineering, Dr. Salem's laboratory applies microfabrication techniques to novel biomaterials to provide spatial control over tissue formation and to integrate minimally invasive scaffold delivery strategies. In drug/gene delivery, he is currently exploring the synergistic application of degradable particle technology, CpG oligonucleotides and heat shock proteins for generating sustained immunotherapeutic responses against cancer. Dr. Salem's laboratory also collaborates with Dr. Lubaroff on the use of microparticles in association with cancer vaccines for the induction of strong anti-tumor immune responses and tumor destruction.

Michael Schultz, PhD; Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology (319-356-4159)

<http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/Radiology/faculty-staff/faculty/schultz-michael.html>

Dr. Schultz's laboratory is interested in exploring cell-surface protein expression (e.g., G-coupled protein receptors) that is amplified in specific cancer cell lines and developing peptide- and RNA-aptamer-based molecular targeting mechanisms for delivering radionuclides specifically to the site of cancerous tissue in the body. Examples of Dr. Schultz's research include the development of novel radiolabeled peptide-analogs of neuropeptide Y (NPY) that are designed to bind with high affinity to neuropeptide Y subtype 2 receptors (Y2). In a second example of Schultz laboratory research, an ribonucleic acid (RNA) compound (known as an aptamer) has been synthesized that binds tightly to a cell surface protein receptor (referred to as PSMA) whose expression is amplified on the surface of prostate cancer cells relative to normal cells. Through the development of a novel chelator derivative, Dr. Schultz and colleagues are able to radiolabel the aptamer for imaging by PET. These exciting imaging agents serve not only as high resolution probes for evaluating the location and extent of disease, but also pave the way for the development of

molecularly-guided therapeutic agents that hold promise in the development of curative approaches to these enigmatic cancers.

Andrean Simons-Burnett, PhD; Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology (319-384-4450)

Dr. Simons-Burnett has been an active participant in the summer program, previously acting as a "big sister" to students while a member of Dr. Douglas Spitz's laboratory. Her research interests include metabolic oxidative stress in tumors and the role oxidative stress plays in signal transduction pathways. Her current interests focus on the EGFR/PI3K/Akt signaling pathway and its involvement with NADPH oxidase activation, glucose metabolism and autophagy in cancer. Additionally she is interested in investigating novel combined modality therapies that target the EGFR/PI3K/Akt pathway and how one can predict sensitivity to these therapies in cancer disease sites.

Elaine Smith, PhD; Professor, Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health (319-384-5014)

Dr. Smith, a recent addition to our mentors, is a Professor of Epidemiology in the College of Public Health. She has a number of research interests that will benefit training of our summer students. These include etiology of oncogenic diseases, focused on molecular epidemiology, HPV effects on the development of genital and other cancers; hormones and risk of HPV detection and replication; HPV and perinatal vertical transmission, head and neck cancers and reproductive diseases; HPV and vestibulitis; prostate cancer risk associated with pesticides and sex steroid hormone alterations.

Douglas Spitz, PhD; Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology (319-335-8001)

http://www.uiowa.edu/~frrbp/spitz_lab.html

Research in the Spitz laboratory is concentrated on the role of free radicals and oxidative events in cancers. For example, combinations of inhibitors of glucose metabolism, 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG), and of hydroperoxide detoxification, dehydroisoandrosterone (DHEA) and L-buthionine sulfoximine (BSO), have been shown to be effective in killing human tumor cells *via* oxidative stress. 2-DG has also been shown to increase radiosensitivity in human cancer cells both *in vitro* and *in vivo*. These results have led us to test the ability of 20 mM 2-DG + 300 μ M DHEA + 1 mM BSO to induce radiosensitization following exposure to 4 Gy ionizing radiation. Clonogenic survival was used as the parameter indicative of cytotoxicity. Prostate cancer cells (PC-3) treated with 2-DG or DHEA alone as well as the combinations of

2-DG + DHEA, 2-DG + BSO, DHEA + BSO, or 2-DG + DHEA + BSO all demonstrated some degree of radiosensitization, and the effect was most pronounced in the group treated with 2-DG + DHEA + BSO, relative to the other combinations (< 2% survival in the 2-DG + DHEA + BSO group versus > 5% with other agents). In another human prostate cancer cell line, DU145, 2-DG + DHEA + BSO also resulted in substantially enhanced radiosensitization when compared to any of the other combinations. These results support the hypothesis that the combining inhibitors of glucose metabolism with inhibitors of hydroperoxide detoxification increases radiation sensitivity in human cancer cells.

George Weiner, MD; Professor, Department of Internal Medicine and Director, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center (319-353-8620)
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The laboratory of Dr. George Weiner focuses on exploring methods to enhance the efficacy of monoclonal antibody therapy of cancer. Preclinical and clinical studies are exploring the relative role of various effector cells in antibody dependent cellular cytotoxicity, how complement impacts on the efficacy of monoclonal antibody therapy and how therapy can be improved. Dr. Weiner's laboratory is also evaluating the use of other immunotherapy agents such as immunostimulatory CpG oligodeoxynucleotides (CpG ODN). He works closely with Dr. Brian Link who leads the clinical research aspects of their collaborative research program. Dr. Weiner is the Director of the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, and of the Iowa/ Mayo Clinic Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) in lymphoma. He is also the principal investigator of additional research grants from the National Cancer Institute and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in the field of immunotherapy of cancer.

Michael Wright, PhD; Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular Physiology & Biophysics (319-384-1764)
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The Wright Laboratory is focused on defining the composition, activity, and overall cellular function of protein complexes in higher organisms. We utilize quantitative mass spectrometry as a platform to study protein network dynamics in model experimental systems. One of the major projects is the mapping of androgen receptor signaling networks in androgen receptor-related diseases. We are delineating androgen signaling cascades in hormone-responsive systems with the goal of understanding how aberrant androgen receptor (AR) signaling contributes to the

development and progression of the AR-related diseases in human prostate cancer. Another project attempts to define molecular biomarkers in androgen receptor-related diseases. This area involves the identification of protein biomarkers in clinical tissue samples of prostate cancer. We are using both directed and targeted mass spectrometry workflows to identify and quantify tissue biomarkers in radical prostatectomy samples. The goal of this research is to characterize biomarkers to indolent (e.g. organ-confined) and lethal (e.g. metastatic) forms of CaP. These studies have the potential to define novel diagnostic, prognostic, and therapeutic biomarkers in the management and treatment of high-risk, organ-confined CaP and early-stage, metastatic CaP. We are also developing better proteomic workflows to validate tissue biomarkers in plasma and serum using mass spectrometry-based assays.

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Research in the Zavazava laboratory is devoted to the characterization of primate embryonic stem cells. The motivation for this emphasis is that cancer appears to originate from cancer stem cells. These cancer cells have not been well characterized, but appear to share basic characteristics with embryonic stem cells, for example the property of uncontrolled growth. Characterization of these cells will some day lead to better treatment of cancer. Our laboratory is interested in characterizing primate embryonic stem cells and understanding their properties that allow self renewal and immune evasion. Further, the lab is interested in differentiating these cells in vitro into T cells that could be used for the treatment of cancer in the in vivo situation.

Research Facilities - The research laboratories of the faculty mentors at the University of Iowa are located on the west side of Iowa City on the Health Sciences Campus. The facilities include the Medical Laboratories, Bowen Sciences Building, Pharmacy Building, UI General Hospital, Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility, and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Support for the research is provided by a large number of Shared Core Facilities that include the Gene Transfer Vector Core, DNA Core, Flow Cytometry Core, to name but a few. For research that includes laboratory animals, professional, humane veterinary care is provided by the Animal Care Facilities of the University of Iowa and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Opportunities for Learning - Students will have a large number of opportunities to learn about research, prostate cancer, and cancer in general. These include meeting with other members of the HBCU SRT and mentors, joint laboratory meetings with other investigators collaborating with the mentor, journal clubs, and a six-week course designed to educate the students about prostate cancer, its origins, genetics, epidemiology, and treatment.

Living in Iowa City for the Summer

Housing and Meals - All students will be housed in the Mayflower Residence Hall on the Campus of the University of Iowa. It is conveniently located on the northern edge of the campus and is served by the free Campus transportation system. The Mayflower has kitchen facilities and double air conditioned rooms. The living quarters are also across the Iowa River from the Iowa City Park

Arrival and Welcome – For the 8 week program, students will be expected to arrive on Sunday, June 3, 2012. Flights by most major airlines are available to the Cedar Rapids Eastern Iowa Airport (CID). These include American, Delta, and United Airlines. A welcoming barbecue will be held on Sunday, June 3rd with members of other summer research programs that include the Iowa Biosciences Advantage, and the Student Summer Research Opportunities Program.

Activities In and Around Iowa City - There are a number of activities in the Iowa City Area that students can find during the summer research program. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

Friday and Saturday Night Concert Series – Free musical concerts held each Friday and Saturday night from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on the downtown Pedestrian Mall.

Iowa City Jazz Festival – A free, three-day jazz concert featuring local, regional, and national jazz

groups during the July 4th celebration. The festival will be held on the Pentacrest on the campus of the University of Iowa.

Thursday Night Concerts in Coralville – These musical concerts, held in Morrison Park in the adjacent town of Coralville, IA, are also free and open to the public.

Saturday Night Free Movies Series – This is the newest addition to Iowa City's long tradition of free, outdoor family-friendly entertainment that literally brings our community together. It is held outdoors on the Pentacrest from June through August.

Other Activities – there are a large number of indoor & outdoor activities that can be accessed through the Cities of Iowa City and Coralville and the University of Iowa. These include exercise facilities (running, tennis, basketball, volleyball, hand ball/racquetball, weights, biking, and swimming), local beaches, and museums (art, natural history, and sports). In addition, there are a large number of restaurants ranging from fast food to fine dining.

Application to the Program - Application forms, distributed with this brochure, must be completed and returned either to Dr. Swinton at Lincoln University or to Dr. Lubaroff at the University of Iowa. **The deadline for submission is March 2, 2012.** A committee composed of Dr. Swinton, Dr. Lubaroff, Dr. Heidger and two additional faculty from the University of Iowa will meet and make final decisions. Students will be notified of the decisions no later than March 16, 2012 pending prompt receipt of all applications.

Financial Support - The housing, meal, and transportation costs will be paid by the program. In addition, each student will be provided a stipend, the amount of which is currently being negotiated with the University of Iowa and Lincoln University.

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